

Bates Warren Apartment Building  
2029 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
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Location: 2029 Connecticut Ave., N.W., corner of Wyoming Ave., Washington, District of Columbia.

Significance: This building is one of the more elegant early apartment buildings in Washington.

Description: The first, second, and seventh stories of this seven-story apartment building are faced with terra cotta, while the middle four stories are veneered with brick. The first two stories are rusticated and there is a deep ornamental cornice. The building was constructed with twenty-two apartments ranging from four to fourteen rooms.

A contemporary description noted: "Separate rooms and baths are provided for servants, and nearly all of the bedrooms have private baths....All of the apartments and rooms are of exceptional size, such as would be noticeable even in large private residences, while the apartments are planned as to make it possible to throw several rooms together when so desired for large social affairs. Other features are a laundry in the basement, with gas-heated driers, of a size capable of caring for the work of all occupants of the building, and a refrigerating plant from which coils run to and through refrigerators in every apartment. The refrigerating plant is also to make sufficient ice for the requirements of occupants." (Evening Star, May 20, 1916.)

History: This apartment building was constructed in 1915-16 for Bates Warren. The architects were Hunter & Bell and the builder was T. L. Lewis. (D.C. Building Permit #38, July 2, 1915.) The building was converted to condominiums by developer Conrad Cafritz in 1977.

Sources: Apartment Building Survey conducted by Traceries, 1986.

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